

Attorney Docket No. S-2481/CONT  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
YOKOYAMA; HONZAWA; OGAWA )  
Serial No. Continuation of )  
parent appln. S.N. 09/778,901 )  
Filed: Concurrently herewith )

For: PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR POLYMERIC MICELLE CHARGED  
THEREIN WITH DRUG AND POLYMERIC MICELLE COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Rule 53(b) continuation application claims priority from co-pending application Serial No. 09/778,901, wherein a Final Office Action having a mailing date of March 19, 2003, is outstanding. Accordingly, this new Rule 53(b) continuation application is timely filed along with a 3 month extension of time and the necessary fees.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application to conform the originally filed claims with the claims as pending in the parent application 09/778,901.